

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

**Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
April 21, 2005
9:00 A.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. INVOCATION

Reverend Paul Roberts
Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPEAL

- Mr. Larry Bruno's Variance Request for Lot 29, Laurels on the Etowah

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Discuss Personnel Issues

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 3, 2005 Special Called Meeting
- March 15, 2005 Regular Meeting
- March 22 & 29, 2005 Special Called Meeting
- April 1, 2005 Special Called Meeting

VII. REPORTS

- Department Heads
- Elected Officials

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- **RESOLUTIONS**

- 2005-18 Amending the Lumpkin County Planning Commission
- 2005-19 Appointments to Lumpkin County Planning Commission
- 2005-20 Appointments to Development Authority of Lumpkin County
- 2005-21 Appointments to Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County
- 2005-22 Appointments to Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Board
- 2005-23 Appointments to Lumpkin County Public Building Authority
- 2005-24 Appointments to Lumpkin County Veteran's Affairs Advisory Committee
- 2005-25 Appointment to North East Georgia Regional Board for Mental Health, Retardation & Substance Abuse
- 2005-26 Lumpkin County Mission Statement and the Lumpkin County Statement of Values
- 2005-27 Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2005

- **CONTRACTS**

- County Manager's Contract
- Legacy Link, Inc. – Area Agency on Aging Local Share Commitment

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IX. OLD BUSINESS

- COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS
- CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS
- COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS
- COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS
- PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings:

- Board Work Session – City Hall May 5th, 2005 at 9:00 A.M.
- Board Meeting – City Hall May 19th, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

XI. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSONERS**

April 21, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gooch at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin. The Reverend Paul Roberts of Saint Elizabeth Episcopal Church opened the meeting with prayer. Chairman Gooch requested that everyone stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Gooch requested that the executive session be moved to the end of the agenda. John Raber then made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present.

APPEAL

The Board of Commissioner heard the appeal made by Larry Bruno for a variance request for Lot 29, Laurels on the Etowah. After discussion of the request by the Board of Commissioners, Larry and Susan Bruno, Jeff MacWaters a property owner in the Laurels on the Etowah subdivision, Charlie Davis, Chairman of the Planning Commission, Frances French, Interim Planning Director and staff members Chairman Gooch asked if the board would like to entertain a motion.

A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to deny the appeal. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by Commissioners Hutcheson, Martin, and Raber. Commissioner Stowers abstained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Raber made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2005 Special Called Meeting, March 15, 2005 Regular Meeting, March 22 & 29, 2005 Special Called Meetings, and April 1, 2005 Special Called Meeting. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by all district commissioners present.

REPORTS

Reports were presented by Department Heads and are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2005-18

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to amend the organization of the Lumpkin County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall be increased by two members and shall consist of seven members. Members shall serve for a period of four years, with each term ending at midnight on the 27th day of August in the fourth year following the year in which a full term appointment was made to that seat.

John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-19

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to confirm seat designation and terms of existing members and to appoint new members to the Lumpkin County Planning Commission. Peyton Anderson is appointed to Seat 4, term ending August 27, 2006, Ricky Sullens is appointed to Seat 6, term ending August 27, 2009, and Jon Whidby is appointed to Seat 7, term ending August 27, 2009. Bill Martin is confirmed to Seat 1, term ending August 27, 2005, Chad Williams is confirmed to Seat 2, term ending August 27, 2005, Johnny A. Cullars is confirmed to Set 3, term ending August 27, 2006, and Charles Davis is confirmed to Seat 5, term ending August 27, 2008.

Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by Commissioners Martin, Raber, and Stowers. Commissioner Hutcheson abstained.

RESOLUTION 2005-20

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to confirm seat designations and terms of existing members and to appoint new members to the Development Authority of Lumpkin County. Deborah Hutcheson is appointed to Seat 1 for an unexpired term ending March 7, 2006. Don Trice is appointed to Seat 3, term expiring March 7, 2008. Alfred Chang is appointed to Seat 8, and Pete Burchett is appointed to Seat 9, for unexpired terms ending March 7, 2009. Richard Green is confirmed to Seat 2, term ending March 7, 2006. Mike Cottrell is confirmed to Seat 4, Chris Dockery is confirmed to Seat 5, Robert Schuetze is confirmed to Seat 6, and Jimmy Anderson is confirmed to Seat 7, with terms ending March 7, 2008.

Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by Commissioner Stowers. Commissioner Hutcheson abstained. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION 2005-21

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to confirm seat designation and terms of existing members and to appoint new member to the Hospital Authority of Lumpkin County. Shirley Pace is appointed to Seat 3, Jimmy Berrong is reappointed to Seat 4, with terms ending March 1, 2009. Marina Barron is appointed to Seat 8, unexpired term ending March 1, 2007. Robert Green is confirmed to Seat 1, and Gene Westmoreland is confirmed to Seat 2, with terms ending March 1, 2008. Norman Stimers is confirmed to Seat 5, Kim Cruz is confirmed to Seat 6, with terms ending March 1, 2006. Debbie Bodney is confirmed to Seat 7, term ending March 1, 2007.

John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-22

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to confirm seat designation and terms of existing members and to appoint new members to the Lumpkin County Park and Recreation Board. Beth Fortner is appointed to Seat 4, term ending December 31, 2009. Monica Hunt is appointed to Seat 9, term ending December 31, 2006. Charles Jackson, III is reappointed to Seat 7, term ending December 31, 2009. J. L. Collins is confirmed to Seat 1, term ending December 31, 2009. Lyndal Caldwell is confirmed to Seat 2, and Ronnie Rider is confirmed to Seat 8, with terms ending December 31, 2005. Joy L. Edelberg is confirmed to Seat 5, term ending December 31, 2007. Marty Tankersley is confirmed to Seat 3, and Dewayne Wood is confirmed to Seat 6, with terms ending December 31, 2008.

Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-23

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to confirm seat designations and terms of existing members and to appoint new members to the Lumpkin County Public Building Authority. Gerald Lewy is appointed to Seat 4, to complete an unexpired term ending February 21, 2006. Wayne Grindle is appointed to Seat 5 to complete an unexpired term ending February 21, 2008. Stephen W. Gooch is confirmed to Seat 1, and Ruth A. Bohac is confirmed to Seat 2, terms ending February 21, 2007. W. Franklin Youngblood is confirmed to Seat 3, term ending February 21, 2006.

Deborah Hutcheson made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-24

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to confirm seat designations and terms of existing members and to appoint new members to the Lumpkin County Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee. Andy Hutcheson is appointed to Seat 1, term ending April 14, 2009. Daniel Rhodes is appointed to Seat 3, to an unexpired term ending April 14, 2008. Douglas M. Perry is reappointed to Seat 2, term ending April 14, 2009. Larry Schwind is confirmed to Seat 5, term ending April 14, 2007. Johnny A. Cullars is confirmed to Seat 6, term ending April 14, 2008. M. J. Stover is confirmed to Seat 7, term ending April 14, 2006. Seat 4 is confirmed as an open seat with an unexpired term ending April 14, 2008. Clarence Stowers made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Marvin Martin and approved by Commissioners Martin, Raber, and Stowers. Commissioner Hutcheson abstained.

RESOLUTION 2005-25

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to appoint a new member to the Northeast Georgia Regional Board for Mental Health, Retardation and Substance Abuse. Kathleen Gruehagen is appointed for an unexpired term ending October 19, 2007.

John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-26

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to pronounce and promulgate the Lumpkin County Mission Statement and the Lumpkin County Statement of Values.

John Raber made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by Deborah Hutcheson and approved by all district commissioners present.

RESOLUTION 2005-27

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to amending the Lumpkin County Budget for fiscal year 2005.

Marvin Martin made a motion to approve this resolution. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

Chairman Gooch called for a 10 minute break at 10:38 a.m. with the meeting resuming at 10:48 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2005-20

Marvin Martin made a motion to approve this resolution with the removal of Deborah Hutcheson's name. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by Commissioners Martin, Raber, and Stowers. Commissioner Hutcheson abstained.

CONTRACTS

County Manager's Contract

No comments at this time.

Legacy Link, Inc. – Area Agency on Aging Local Share Commitment

A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to approve this contract. This motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

County Manager Kelley stated he had no comments.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Gooch stated he wanted everyone to know he stands behind County Manager Stan Kelley's decision to dismiss the Registrar-Supervisor of Elections. It is not the intention of the board to use the County Manager as a hatchet man for the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Gooch said that a delegation of city and county leaders including Chairman Gooch and Commissioner Raber attended the signing by Governor Sunny Purdue of House Resolution 563, which proclaims Dahlonega the official cycling capital of Georgia. Commissioner Gooch reminded everyone that the ground picking for Home Depot would be held May 16th near the site of the new location at Hwy. 60 and Longbranch Road. Commissioner Gooch said the recent board retreat at Unicoi was a good opportunity to get together. The retreat was very productive.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin said that Walt McBride of the University of Georgia, Carl Vinson Institute of Government did a good job of facilitating the boards' retreat at Unicoi.

Commissioner Hutcheson said she wanted to make it clear that Commissioner Raber did not break her foot. Commissioner Hutcheson expressed her appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting. Commissioner Hutcheson also stated she wants everyone to know she is trying to do what is best for the county as a whole and that a great deal of thought goes into the decisions that are made.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Horne stated he had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizen Gerald Lewy ask when will the public be included in input for the Landscape and Sign Regulations Sections of the Land Use Code. Commissioner Martin responded that he was serving at Chairman of the committee

reviewing the Landscape and Sign Regulations Sections. The committee consisting of Commissioners Martin and Stowers, Kenneth Beasley, and Greg Sheppard met and has the landscape portion ready for review.

Citizen Paul Hanson ask how the county was going to deal with narrow county roads. Chairman Gooch asked the County Manager Kelley, Public Works Director Charles Trammell, and County Attorney K. C. Horne to meet and review current county regulations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:05 a.m. Chairman Gooch ask for a motion to go out of General Session and into Executive Session. John Raber made a motion for the board to go into Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

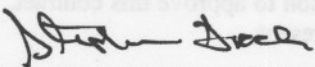
At 11:45 a.m. Chairman Gooch ask for a motion to go out of Executive Session and return to General Session. John Raber made a motion for the board to return to General Session. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

Chairman Gooch ask for a motion to accept the County Manager's contract. A motion was made by Deborah Hutcheson to accept the County Manager's contract. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present.

ADJOURN

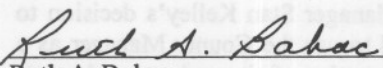
Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn. Clarence Stowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The motion was seconded by John Raber and approved by all district commissioners present.

5-26-2005
Date



Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County